

REMARKS

To avoid confusion, the claim numbering herein is the same as the claim numbering used in the Response filed on August 13, 2004. Applicants note that the Examiner renumbered the claims in the Notice of Allowability dated September 2, 2004.

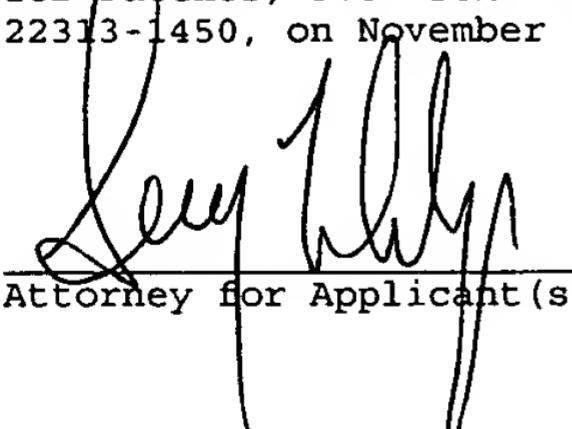
Claim 5 has been amended for consistency with base Claim 1. The amendment to Claim 5 is directed to a matter of form only and Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Further, Applicants note that in the Response filed on August 13, 2004, the status identifier of Claims 1 and 3 was erroneously listed as "Original", where the status identifier should have been listed as "Previously presented" to reflect the amendment of Claims 1 and 3 in the Response filed on January 12, 2004. The status identifier of Claims 1 and 3 has been corrected to "Previously presented" in this Amendment.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 12-13, 24-29, 35-38 are pending in the application. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

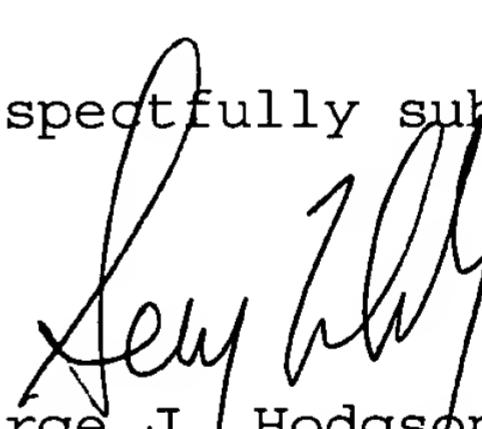
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